



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re Application of: Joseph H. Sklar et al.
Serial No.: 09/715,714
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For: FIXATION SCREW, GRAFT LIGAMENT ANCHOR
ASSEMBLY, AND METHOD FOR SECURING A
GRAFT LIGAMENT IN A BONE TUNNEL
Group Art Unit No.: 3738
Attorney's Docket No.: INNO-31

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Sir:

PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicants hereby petition for a one (1) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding OFFICIAL ACTION mailed September 1, 2005 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from December 1, 2005 to January 1, 2006.

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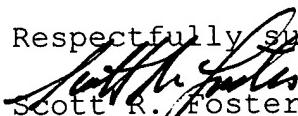
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